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**To:** [Valmichael Leos](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Harris County visit to EPA October 16, 2012  
**Date:** 10/15/2012 09:16 AM

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Looks like we put the wrong email for you, sorry. Here's my response to Jessica's email. Thanks!

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Hi Jessica,

I had a chance to speak with Valmichael on Friday afternoon and he did inform me that there's a new briefing sheet that was developed. I have yet to receive it (I think its out for managerial approval) but was hoping to get a copy of as soon as yall can. Let me know if there's anything I can do, thanks!

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▼ Jessica Hernandez---10/15/2012 09:08:34 AM---Jonathan, I was under the impression our site team had put together a new briefing sheet for you. Ha

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Jonathan,

I was under the impression our site team had put together a new briefing sheet for you. Have you not yet received it?

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Hi Jessica,

Hope you're doing well. Do you have any updated materials about the site? Attached is our latest issue paper regarding the San Jacinto River Waste Pits site but it's a bit dated and it does not address Judge Ryan's issues. Can you either send me some updated materials or guide me to the proper contact that has the info?

Thanks!

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Jonathan will pull together materials.

David

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Great, let me know if you need anything additional from ORC.

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Thanks Jessica.

Judge Ryan has a 30 minute meet/greet scheduled with RA Curry.

David

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FYI-- see below for a list of issues Vince Ryan would like to discuss with the RA.

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Hi Jessica,

David Gray called and we are working on the meeting. Thanks so much for your help! Hope we get a chance to talk soon.

Among the issues we would like to discuss is the on-going discovery with the PRPs to see if there is anything we can do to help the government build support for a comprehensive final site remediation plan.

Another issue we are struggling with here is the impact the site is having on commercial, subsistence and recreational fishing and the attendant health threat.

I'm sure you are aware that the Texas Department of Health Services issued a consumption ban regarding key fin and shell fish taken from the San Jacinto River and upper Galveston Bay. Last week we met with Parks and Wildlife Officials and representatives from the TCEQ to discuss the effectiveness of the ban and there is a strong consensus that fish are being taken from the affected waters and they are being consumed.

In addition, recently a group of 200 Vietnamese commercial fishermen filed suit in a Harris County District Court against some of the PRPs seeking recovery for damage to their business caused by the ban. This is very disconcerting because it supports our greatest fear that contaminated fish could be entering the commercial market.

This is one topic that County Attorney Vince Ryan would like to discuss with Administrator Curry and that hopefully we can discuss as well next week when I call.

Thanks again for helping us get through to the main office!

Regards,

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Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your note. I have let my management know about your request and will be in touch shortly. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Many thanks,

Jessica

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